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Mary II. Queen*

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To both Houses of
PARLIAMENT,

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My Lords and Gentlemen,



AM very Glad to meet you again in Parliament, where I have an Opportunity of Thanking you for the great Supplies you have given Me for the Prosecution of this War; and I hope by your Advice and Assistance, which has never failed Me, to take such Measures, as may be most proper for Supporting Our Common Interest against the excessive Power of *France*.

We have great Reason to Rejoyce in the happy Victory, which, by the Blessing of God, We obtained at Sea! And I wish I could tell you that the Success at Land had been answerable to it: I am sure My own Subjects had so remarkable a part in both, that their Bravery and Courage must ever be remembered to their Honour.

The *French* are Repairing their Losses at Sea with great Diligence, and do design to augment their Land Forces considerably against the next Campaign; which makes it absolutely necessary for Our Safety, that at least as great a Force be maintained at Sea and Land, as We had the last Year; And therefore I must ask of you, Gentlemen of the House of Commons, a Supply suitable to so great an Occasion.

I am very sensible how heavy this Charge is upon my People, and it extreemly afflicts Me, that 'tis not possible to be avoided without Exposing Our selves to inevitable Ruine and Destruction: The Inconvenience of sending out of the Kingdom great Sums of Money for the Payment of the Troops abroad is indeed very Considerable, and I so much wish it could be remedied, That if you can suggest to Me any Methods for the Support of them, which may lessen this Inconvenience, I shall be ready to receive them with all the Satisfaction imaginable.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

None can desire more then I do that a Descent should be made into *France*, and therefore notwithstanding the Disappointment of that Design this last Summer, I intend to Attempt it the next Year with a much more Considerable Force ; And so soon as I shall be Enabled, all possible Care and Application shall be used towards it.

And upon this Occasion I cannot omit taking Notice of that Signal Deliverance, which, by the good Providence of God, We received the last Spring, to the Disappointment and Confusion of Our Enemies Designs and Expectations: This has sufficiently shewn Us how much We are expos'd to the Attempts of *France*, while that King is in a Condition to make them ; Let Us therefore improve the Advantage, We have at this time, of being joyned with most of the Princes and States of *Europe* against so dangerous an Enemy ; In this surely all Men will agree, who have any Love for their Countrey, or any Zeal for Our Religion : I cannot therefore doubt but you will continue to Support Me in this War against the declar'd Enemy of this Nation, and that you will give as Speedy Dispatch to the Affairs before you, as the Nature and Importance of them will admit; that Our Preparations may be timely and effectual for the Preservation of all that is Dear and Valuable to Us.

I am sure I can have no Interest but what is yours ; We have the same Religion to Defend, and you cannot be more concerned for the Preservation of your Liberties and Properties, then I am that you should always remain in the full Possession and Enjoyment of them ; for I have no Aim but to make you a happy People.

Hitherto I have never spared to Expose my own Person for the Good and Welfare of this Nation, and I am so sensible of your Good Affections to Me, that I shall continue to do so with great Cheerfulness upon all Occasions, wherein I may contribute to the Honour and Advantage of *England*.

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